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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

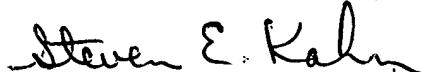
This Amendment is submitted in response to the first Official Action dated August 12, 2004. Allowance of claims 1-7 and 9-11 remaining in the application are respectfully requested.

In the first Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7 and 11 but determined that claims 5, 6 and 8-10 would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 1 has been amended by incorporating into it the limitations of allowable claim 8. Claim 8 has been cancelled.

Since all of the dependent claims in the application now depend either directly or indirectly from allowable independent claim 1, all claims are in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is most earnestly solicited.

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